

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)

IMPORTANT: These instructions are numbered to correspond with the items on the application. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet and identify your statements by their item numbers.

ITEMS 36, 37, and 38 inclusive - You should report under these items your expected total income for the periods covered. You must report total income from all sources for yourself and your dependent. When reporting income, report the total amount to which you are entitled before any deductions, not the amount you actually receive. Include as income all amounts received or expected as severance pay or accrued payments of any kind or from any source. If you and your spouse receive income from dividends, interests, rents, investments or operation of a business, profession or farm, which you own jointly, report one-half of the income as yours and one-half as your spouse's. Report Social Security benefits in item 36A, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits in Item 36F. If you report income in foreign currency, we will convert it into dollars based on the average exchange rate for the preceding four quarters (as provided by the Department of the Treasury). We can exclude all or part of a dependent child's income if it is not reasonably available to you, or if it would cause hardship to consider this income in determining your rate of pension. If you feel that your child's income should be excluded, make a statement to that effect in Item 40, "Remarks."

ITEMS 39A and 39B - You should report under these items the total amount of your final pay at termination of employment, not the amount you actually received, and the date you received this pay.

NOTE: If you furnish a copy of your latest award letter from Social Security stating the type and gross amount of your benefit, it will help us in our initial determination of the amount of VA benefits to be paid.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: No allowance of compensation or pension may be granted unless this form is completed fully as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. Chapters 11 and 15). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). The information requested by this form is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits provided under law. The information submitted may be disclosed outside VA only if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22 Compensation, Pension, Education, and Rehabilitation Records - VA, published in the Federal Register.

Income information and employment information furnished by you will be compared with information obtained by VA from the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary of the Treasury under clause (viii) of section 6103 (1)(7)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Any information provided by you including your Social Security Number, may be used in matching programs conducted in connection with any proceeding for the collection of an amount owed the United States by virtue of your participation in any benefit program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Disclosure of Social Security number(s) of those for whom compensation or pension benefits are claimed is mandatory as a condition for receipt of those benefits under the authority of Title 38, U.S.C. 5101(c). Social Security numbers will be used in the administration of veterans' benefits, in the identification of veterans or persons claiming or receiving Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and their records, and may be used to verify Social Security benefit entitlement (including amounts payable) with the Social Security Administration and for other purposes where authorized by both Title 38, U.S.C. and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) or where required by another statute. Income information is subject to verification by means of Computer Matching Programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour and 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Clearance Officer (723), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2900-0001), Washington, DC 20503. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM OR APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFITS TO THESE ADDRESSES.**